

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

*Et inveniam viam, aut faciam.*

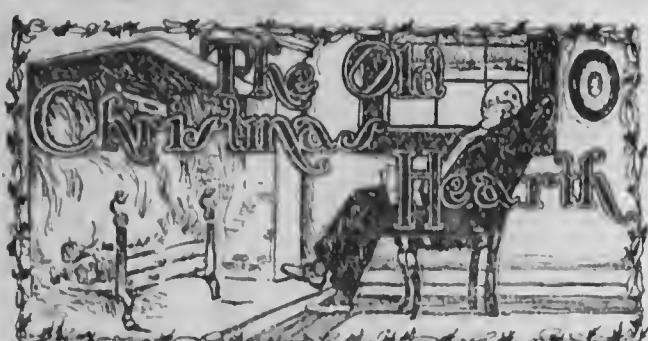
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## THE BIG SANDY NEWS

Wishes Its Readers

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.



### A Whole Dinner with Mashed Potatoes

By JESSIE LLEWELLYN.

I LEAN back in my armchair as the snow flakes soft and white. Outside the hall door the dogs leap in the hallments of white. While the rattling sleds roll down the hill, I sit and wait. Disposing with the mallow bells the joys of Christmas fade, tending to catch the echoes of the songs they sing up high. Beyond the mystic beauty of December a wail is heard. And again is told the story of a Christ child's birth, but, As I sit and, eager, listen by the dear old Christmas hearth.

There's music in the steeples, these are chiming deep in the dells. And the wild winds mingle gaily with the holy Christmas bells. And I look beyond the window on the beauty of the snow. Rocking some sweet Christmases in life's long ago.

What a scene come looking back along the winding ways of time. The fragrance of the flowers of an ever-blooming life. Telling shades fill with faces and I hear the sounds of mirth that baffle me with the beauty of Christmas cheer.

Set at little watching to begin a pretty time.

We have then round this cherished hearth a bright long ago. And a laughter and tears, closer beneath the old oak tree of home. And hardly slept for watching for old Santa Claus to come.

I remember, all, who does not? How the young Christmas morn Revealed the wealth of treasures from the old to dream and born. While brighter glowed the tree, the old Christmas hearth.

TO DAY I am still watching to begin a pretty time.

The beauty and the glory of that Christmas long ago.

When shepherds watched their flocks by night, the hills star In the heavens, and the stars of East and West did set.

And a sudden burst above a matheress' chest gave birth.

And a tedious night drives the shadows from the place; Till Jades wees to glory and new beauty creas on the earth.

And the phantasies of Heaven awoke with my Christmas hearth.

OLD TIME seems in his doage and upon his teases white.

He the snow-axes of a Christmases that has filled me with delight,

far and wide the hosts are singing and their music glad and free.

Tells the story of His coming in the land and on the sea.

And mingled with their anthems is in hours all divine.

That filled a mother's heart with my Christmas morn.

And I baw my head a moment as the children sleep that morn.

And silence comes in sanctity the dear old Christmas hearth.

TO DAY the glorious dawning of this pretty winter day.

It brings to all a gladness from a region far away.

And while the hosts are singing now, all this beauteous earth.

I baw the hosts that cluster round the old dear old Christmas hearth.

T. C. HANNAH



Please, Mum, Gimme a Nickel?"

ed in the wet pavement, when there came, from somewhere below my waist line, a small white.

"Please, mum, gimme a nickel?"

I looked down and beheld the smallest,

the tiniest, most forsaken little woman I had ever seen. She could have been in a corner of a room, or a way, or a company room, or a chamber, or with great adults.

"I'm a poor, small, wretched, wretched,

"But we good men go a-way good men?"

"The eyes grew softer as she

recalled a memory of the days back east.

"Yes, but, I have 'em, they don't stay

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### Democratic Ticket.

For Circuit Judge:  
S. G. KINNER.

For Commonwealths Attorney:  
JOHN M. WAUGH.

Between 700 and 800 sacks of  
Christmas mail, bound from New  
York to Western points, were de-  
stroyed by fire on the New York  
Central railroad yesterday.

The trusts are better represented  
in Washington this season than  
are the people. Representatives  
are there in great numbers prepar-  
ed to fight any undesirable trust  
legislation that may come up in  
the house or senate.

For the first time since the bal-  
lot was given to the negroes, there  
will not be a Negro in the South  
Carolina legislature or in any  
state office next year. The dis-  
franchisement of the blacks as a  
class by law and the abandonment  
of the "Lily White" Republicans  
acted to keep them away from the  
polls.

William McGill, a negro of  
Chattanooga, who edits a paper at  
that place, has announced that he  
will try to secure the office of chap-  
lain of the next House of Repre-  
sentatives. He is one of the leaders  
of his race and prominent in  
opposition to the "Lily Whites." He is said to have strong backing  
for the place.

The greatest invention of the  
age has just been perfected. It is  
that of Marconi, the great Italian  
electrician, by which long messages  
are transmitted without the aid of  
wires. On last Sunday the invent-  
or successfully sent a message across  
the Atlantic. Thus has wireless  
telegraphy, which a short time ago  
looked like an impossibility, be-  
come a fact.

A special from Washington has  
this of interest here:

Representative Hughes was at  
the War Department and had a  
long conference with Colonel Mc-  
Kinsie, of the Engineer Depart-  
ment, regarding the construction of  
the dams provided for by the  
water and harbor appropriation  
bill on the Big Sandy river, be-  
tween Louisa and Catlettsburg.

The river and harbor bill ap-  
propriated money for this work,  
and Mr. Hughes is anxious that  
the work should be pushed so that  
active operations will be com-  
menced in the spring. Both Senators  
Elkins and Scott are aiding Mr. Hughes in his efforts to ex-  
pedite the work on these improve-  
ments."

Congressman Kohoe has also  
been urging the department to let  
the contracts for these dams right  
away. If this request is complied  
with, the successful bidders will  
have time to secure materials and  
prepare for opening the work as  
soon as the low water season  
comes. They would then be able  
to complete the dams in one season,  
thus giving us the use of nearly  
forty miles of slackwater a year  
sooner than otherwise. Our  
readers doubtless know that only  
the locks have been contracted.  
The dams have not yet been placed  
under contract.

Much of the lawlessness existing  
around here and throughout this  
section is due to the practice, so  
prevalent in our courts of com-  
promising cases. It is a very rare  
instance where a compromise  
should be made with a criminal.  
The excuse that it is done to save  
the county, state, town or people  
the expense of executing the penality  
prescribed by law is the weakest  
and most dangerous thing imaginable.  
Economy is not the object  
in matters where the peace and

## HEALTH INSURANCE

The man who insures his life is  
wise for his family.

The man who insures his health  
is wise both for his family and  
himself.

You may insure health by guard-  
ing it. It is worth guarding.

At the first attack of disease,  
which generally approaches  
through the LIVER and man-  
ifests itself in innumerable ways  
TAKE

The Senate Committee on Edu-  
cation and Labor in reporting the  
Eight-hour Labor Bill, says that by  
its enactment the workman will be  
better and happier.

stake; and if it were, there is no  
property of a community are at  
economy in compromising with  
criminals. The practice encourages  
the vicious in giving their  
lawless inclinations full sway, dil-  
uting the criminal docket and in-  
creasing the work and expense of  
the courts, only a rigid enforcement  
of the law, regardless of the  
cost, will hold the lawless element  
in check. The citizens who bear  
the heaviest part of the burdens of  
taxation are not the ones who  
bear the cost of the punishment of  
crime. They want the laws enforced  
and are willing to pay the cost.

Any officer who is not doing his  
duty in suppressing crime should  
resign. Refusing to do this, he  
should be removed from office  
in the manner prescribed by law,  
or by those having the power to do  
so.

The law-abiding people are in  
the majority and only need to as-  
sert their power; and that they intend  
to do this is very evident from  
the sentiment that has been growing  
and showing itself for some  
time past in this section. It is like  
a gathering storm, whose moun-  
tains foretell the outburst of fury  
that is to follow.

RATCLIFFE.

Our school is progressing nicely  
under the management of Prof. J.  
H. Frazer.

Cecil Mollins has returned home  
from West Virginia, where he has  
been for some time.

Mrs. Lora and Delta Belcher are  
visiting relatives on East Fork.

Born to Harriette Calms and wife,  
a big girl.

Jerome Dean and Andy Hunter  
were on Bellstrace last week.

Born to G. B. Belcher and wife,  
a girl.

John Belcher, who has fever, is  
some better.

Minnie Thompson was visiting  
Misses Kate Grim Saturday and  
Sunday.

Miss Lee and Dora Belcher and  
J. H. Frazier and F. B. Keller were  
visiting friends at Webbville Sunday.

Belle Hale was calling on Miss  
Jessie Hughs Sunday.

S. T. Kiger has been on the sick  
list for a few days.

Flem Mollins and Brice Baley  
spent Saturday and Sunday with  
John Frazer.

Jake Neal, of East Fork, is visit-  
ing his uncle Wm. Belcher, of this  
place.

Miss Dora Belcher will spend  
Christmas with relatives at Ash-  
land.

Son.

Stops The Cough and Works off the Cold

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets  
cure a cold in one day. No Cure, no  
pay.

LAUREL HILL.

Edmond Sagraves, of Mazzie, is  
now at A. M. Sagraves' and will  
stay with relatives at this place  
till the holidays are over.

Gusta Evans and Oscar Williams  
went to Lewis Lemasters' today.

Plura and Lula Sagraves are vis-  
iting their playmates and former  
schoolmates today, Sarah and Ber-  
tha Estep.

The school closed here last Fri-  
day. All had a good time eating  
candy.

A. M. Sagraves went to Red Bush  
yesterday and returned today.

H. F. Williams went to Louisa  
Monday with a load of produce and  
brought back a load of goods.

We will have a winter school  
here, Dr. Skaggs teacher.

A ball of fire about the size of a  
water bucket was seen to fall near  
Red Bush on the night of the 20th.

Barry Lyon and J. H. Phillips  
have gone to Whitehouse.

Revs. Samuel Johnson and W.

W. Skaggs are attending church  
near Lowmansville.

Let us hear from Whitehouse  
again. We wish everybody a  
merry Christmas.

Z.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine  
Tablets. All druggist refund the  
money if it fails to cure. E. W.  
Grover's signature is on each box.

THE WORLD AS IT IS.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you,

Weep, and you weep alone;

For the old age must borrow its  
youth.

It has trouble enough of its own.

Sing, and will answer;

Sigh, it is lost in air;

For the echoes bound to a joyous sound

But shrink from the voice of care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;

Grieve, and they turn and go;

They won't full measure of all your  
pleasure.

But they do not want your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are unary;

Be sad, and you lose them all.

There are none to decline your nestled  
wife.

But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your lards are crowded,

Fast, and the world goes by.

Soeceed and give, it will help you  
to live.

There is room in the hall of pleasure,  
For a long and lonely train.

But one by one we must all file on  
Through the narrow aisle of pain.

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cation and Labor in reporting the  
Eight-hour Labor Bill, says that by  
its enactment the workman will be  
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### Greatest Farmer.

It most prove of interest to  
every farmer to know who the man  
is who owns the biggest farm in  
the world, and to know where  
he lives and how he conducts his bus-  
iness, as well as some incidents in  
his life. That man is David Rankin,  
and he lives at Tarkio, Adel-  
son county, Missouri. He is a  
millionaire. He is the largest stock  
feeder in the world, as well as the  
largest earner, and he is the  
biggest shipper of cattle which are  
brought to him. His farm consists  
of 25,000 acres, and it is all tilled  
under his personal supervision.  
He raises the raw material in grain  
and sells the finished product in  
fattened stock.

His motto is "Thou shalt not sell  
corn," and this motto he rigidly  
adheres to. He attends to corn in  
every stage of its growth, but he  
has never sold even as much as a  
kernel. It is against his principles  
to sell, his conviction, his experience.

He has lived in Illinois. His  
start in life was a colt worth \$52,  
which his father had given him.  
He swapped the colt for calves, and  
these he treated for a pair of  
steers with which he worked at  
an eighty-acre farm he had bought on  
credit. It was six weeks after he  
was married before he had money  
enough to buy a bread board.  
He got his start in Henderson  
county, Illinois. He put money into  
the stock at a time when that did  
not sell well, and when he got  
ready to sell in buying land in Mc-  
cluskin county, where he now lives.  
The farm is divided into fourteen  
divisions, numbered from one to  
fourteen. Each division is a ranch  
under the direct charge of a fore-  
man. These are all like the heads  
of departments in a great mea-  
surable establishment. They are  
elected and capable men, and they  
are paid from \$50 a month to \$1,000  
a year. Under their direction are  
200 employees. These he pays \$25  
to \$30 a month "wet or dry," and  
Mr. Rankin pays their board. It  
is thirty-five miles from one end  
of the farm to the other. Some-  
thing over 20,000 acres are in At-  
chison county and he has an additional  
3,000 acres across the State line.  
On the fourteen ranches there are  
thirty-five houses. On each ranch  
there is a good house foreman and  
his family and a large house  
where the employees are boarded by  
the wife of one of them, who is  
paid \$2.50 a week for each man by  
Mr. Rankin. The "home ranch" is  
located on three sides of Tarkio and  
extends as far as the eye can reach.  
It requires 700 teams to do the work  
on this 23,000 acre farm. Most  
of his teams are mules, but he also  
keeps a number of good horses.

The expenses are \$300 a day.  
There are times when \$100 is the  
cost of feed every day. For char-  
harness there is spent \$3,000 a  
year. There is not a leather trace  
on the farm. Leather is not used  
where chains can be used. In  
Northwestern Missouri the roads  
are not good, but that cuts no figure  
when anything has to be hauled  
over them. It is only a matter  
of how many horses will be necessary  
to pull the load and of having  
harness that will stand the strain.

The chief products of the farm  
is corn. There is a wheat field of  
2,000 acres and the rest of the ground  
is sown with clover, tim-  
ing and blue grass. When seeded  
down the land is used for pasture  
for four years. On his fourteen  
thousand acres of corn field there  
is only about half enough to  
feed his cattle. He buys all the  
corn he needs from his neighbors  
and then goes to market for more.  
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James Hale has been quite sick for several days, but is now better.

If you want to save money, buy winter shoes, clothing and groceries of G. V. Meek.

Mrs. Emma Wallace, who has been sick for several days, is again able to be out.

Full consideration of quality will show Snyder Bros. to be the cheapest place in this section to buy furniture.

W. H. Waldeck's health continues to improve. He is now able to get out in town.

For SALE.—The J. W. M. Stewart residence in Louisa. Price reasonable and terms easy. Apply to F. Conley.

L. B. Ferguson is putting some fine wall paper on the residence of R. L. Vinson.

The city ordinances against shooting fire works on the streets is being entirely ignored in Louisa.

John Waldeck, Jr., of this city, and Miss Spears, of Whitehouse were married in Trouton, Wednesday.

Granville Skeens died at his home near Hubbellstown, W. Va., Saturday night. He leaves a large family.

We are selling good furniture cheaper than other people are selling cheap furniture. Come to us for your furniture.

Jerry Endicott and family came to Louisa from Bresshitt county Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives. Jerry is a section foreman on the Ohio & Kentucky railroad.

F. H. Yates is very sick with typhoid fever. He has been sick about two weeks, but the nature of the disease did not fully manifest itself for several days.

H. F. Martin was tried before U. S. Commissioner M. S. Burns a few days ago upon a charge of selling whiskey, and was held to answer to the U. S. court. Marshal took him to Frankfort.

The entertainment given Friday night at the Masonic Opera House by the Louisa Dramatic Society was liberally patronized and the audience seemed well pleased with the program. The affair netted over \$26.00 for the brass band boys.

Lee F. Drake, a Louisa boy who has made a success in politics and business in Mingo county, W. Va., was married recently to Mrs. Mollie Dingus, a wealthy young widow of that county. They have just returned from a bridal trip to Washington city.

The bank of Louisa has declared a five per cent. dividend on the business of the six months while are just drawing to a close. The stockholders will also receive a sum amounting to four per cent. on their holdings, to be paid out of the undivided profits fund.

The largest stock of winter goods ever brought to Louisa now open and must go at cut prices. All solid leather shoes, up to date clothing, calicoes, outlays, winter goods of all kinds. See our goods and the prices we quote will convince you we are the cheapest.

G. V. Meek.

A Danville grocerian spends \$1,300 annually for newspaper advertising in a town of about 5,000 population. He finds it necessary now to employ ten clerks, and is about to establish a branch house at Perryville. The Danville man has learned how to use newspaper space, liberally and intelligently.

"P" Skaggs has been tried in Police Court upon three charges for his escape of last week and was convicted in each. For shooting on the street he was fined \$50. For destroying street lights, \$15. For positing a deadly weapon on officer, \$50 and ten days imprisonment. Victor Caperton, also, was tried for discharging firearms on the streets, and was fined \$50.

J. Albritton Chapman died on Thursday of last week at Claysville, from the effects of the injuries received several weeks ago, when a large stone rolled off of a wagon and crushed him. He was buried at Fairview cemetery Saturday. A wife and two children survive him. He was about thirty years of age, and was a good citizen. He was a son of Rev. John R. Chapman, who lives on Lick creek, near this place. His wife is a daughter of Glabe Wellman.

Mr. J. F. Hackworth, whose store burned recently, has a force of men at work clearing away the debris preparatory to rebuilding. The plan of the other building will be followed. Mr. Hackworth will also move his old warehouse away and erect two brick store rooms between his corner building and ground. Mr. R. T. Burns will be the first class tenant. These will be first class rooms and will be for rent. Mr. Hackworth will resume his general merchandising business as soon as the corner building is completed, which will probably be late next spring.

## WEDDINGS.

Again has the cozy church on the corner been clad in its wedding array. Once more have the now familiar strains of the wedding march filled the sacred building, and again has a fair daughter of Louisa stood at the altar and put her hand in that of another and promised to love "until death do us part." He who won this beautiful maid is Mr. Homer A. Scholz, formerly of Providence, Rhode Island, but now Assistant United States Engineer and connected with the corps engaged in the improvement of this river. She who surrendered herself to his keeping was Miss Hildegard Radf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roffe, of this city. Their intended nuptials have been the theme of conversation for many days, and their celebration at the M. E. South last Tuesday afternoon was a very charming occasion. The clouds which long have lowered above us had broken away, and the air was of just that degree which permitted you to wear just anything you pleased, and a peep at the good looking, well groomed people who crowded the church showed this was what was worn.

Promptly at one-thirty a chorus from the choir of the church began the famous March from Mendelssohn, and the bridal party entered, marching up both sides and meeting at the chancel, where Revs. S. A. Donahue and J. A. Boland stood ready to say that which would suffice two very handsome, two very popular and worthy people. And this they did, very beautifully and impressively. And as the high contracting parties stood before the ministers their attendants claimed and merited a large share of interest and attention. A few months ago the pretty girl who this day assumed the dignity of widow was the Maid of Honor at the Stewart-Campbell marriage, and today, looking handsome and happy, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Campbell attended her cousin and his fellow-engineer. The other attendants were Miss Sue Melles of Irons, and Mr. Robert Bickel, brother of the bride. The gowns, hats and other accessories of the ladies were rich, tasteful and appropriate. Not being a bellringer or a Ladies Home Journal the News wisely refrained from weak attempts at further description. We will say just a little more: brown was the prevailing color, and from dainty boot to stylish hat all was very becoming. In the decoration of the church yellow and green dominated, and the blending of tints was pleasing in a harmonious way.

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There was no reception, and soon after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Scholz took the train for Catlettsburg, intending to leave for Washington, D. C., returning to Louisa in about ten days. Very many rich and beautiful gifts destined to the esteem in which the bride and groom are held by many friends and relatives.

The bride is a Louisa girl, taking

front rank among our many pretty women, and this, by the way, is saying very much indeed. She is a girl of no small ability, and among the domestic virtues she is a model, simple, unfeigned and popular. Mr. Scholz has been connected several years with the engineer department of the Big Sandy Improvement, and is a popular, estimable gentleman, every way worthy of the girl to whom he has given his name. To him and his bride the News sends long life and prosperity!

Presents for Employees.

Vol. Jay H. Northup's well known spirit of liberality has this year exceeded all past record in its expression at the Christmas season. He has given to all his many employees at Whitehouse and Torchlight, and to each member of the families of these men, checks good for various amounts of merchandise at the stores. The total sum given away is quite large. We did not learn the amount, as this item was not secured from Col. Northup; and he would probably not agree to the particulars to be made public.

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There is something dreadfully fatal to almost every Civil Engineer who strikes Louisa. Look at this list, names of those who have succumbed: E. F. Thomas, Lucien Johnson, J. C. Thomas, O. S. Horton, A. M. Campbell, H. C. Corbs, W. T. Headley, H. A. Scholz. Very few have escaped, and there are others!

Miss Kenny Ferguson—

Wednesday, December 26, 6 a. m.

Bride's Residence.

Rev. J. M. Holland, D. D.

If the News didn't want to say

more this would tell a great deal,

but not enough. Dates and names

do very well as something around

which to twine and weave the

details of interesting toll. "To all"

we did say? Aye! All the world

loves a lover, and in the happy

there are very surely two lovers.

It was a love match, pure and simple.

They met—it seems but yesterday—and as the knowledge of each other grew, so did their love for one another, and the day before yesterday morning, at her home, in the presence of "home folks" and but few others, sweet, pretty Kenny Ferguson and young, good looking, healthful Clyde Miller said they were all the world to each other, and would cherish, love, and honor to the end. And then, amid smiles and tears, congratulations and good wishes, this young couple set out for Canal Winchester, Ohio, the former home of the groom. They will spend a few days there and then come back to Louisa where the John W. Stewart house is waiting for them—a comfortable nest, beautifully furnished and fitted, ready in all respects for the right beginning of their united lives.

The bride is the youngest daughter of the late John M. Ferguson, and is a young lady of whom any

## Important Railroad Deal.

One of the most important deals that has occurred since the policy of "centralization" was put into effect by the moneyed interests of the country occurred Thursday, when the Charleston, Huntington and Southern Road passed into the hands of the Wabash Railroad Company. So secret had the matter of the proposed transfer been kept that scarcely any person, aside from those who had to sign the documents, was aware of the fact that the transfer was to be made. It was made, however, in the village of Chilton, McCorckle & Chilton, the well-known attorneys of Charleston. It is understood that the negotiations for the sale were conducted by Governor McCorckle, in whose office the formal transfer took place.

The road purchased by the Wabash Company is one of the important coal roads of the country, and while it is not a long road, it is regarded as a great "producer."

It has been for years a feeder for the Kanawha and Mielegan, and now

that it has passed into the hands of the Wabash system the prospects for a war with the K. and M. are very good. It is generally understood that for some time the Wabash people have been looking for an opportunity to get into the territory covered by the Charleston, Clendenning and Southern, and that it was with an idea of stopping the In-roads made on their traffic by the Kanawha and Michigan. The transfer is to take effect immediately.

Following upon the heels of the news of the transfer of the C. & S. to the Wabash system came the startling news to a few of the men who are on the inside that today the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo will change hands, and that the latter road will be merged with the C. & O. Of course this means that the Pennsylvania people have secured control of the Hocking Valley route. It is one of the greatest coal roads in the country, and is to be utilized to haul the coal from the mines of West Virginia, through which region the C. & O. runs, to the lake regions. At present the C. and O. has no outlet into that region, and it was for that reason the purchase of the Hocking Valley was necessary.

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